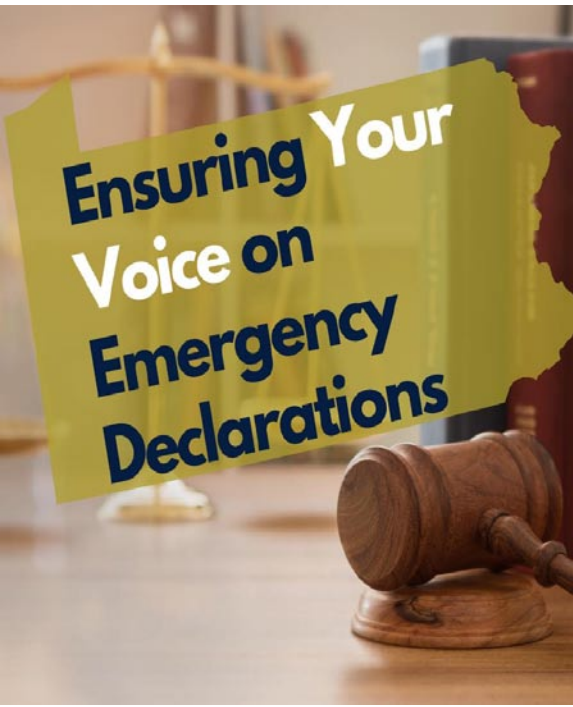


# Voters to Consider Emergency Declarations Question on the Primary Ballot

By Rep. Joe Emrick

NAZARETH - Pennsylvanians will soon have a say in the duration of disaster emergencies declared by the governor under legislation approved in the House last week.

Senate Bill 2, the companion legislation to House Bill 55, proposes to amend the state Constitution by limiting emergency declarations by a governor to a maximum of 21 days. To extend a declaration beyond that time, the Legislature would need to grant approval, which ensures the voices of our citizens – through their elected lawmakers – are fully represented.



The action by the General Assembly comes at a time when the state is under two long-term disaster emergency declarations: one regarding the opioid crisis, which has been in place for more than three years, and the other regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been going on for nearly 11 months.

Executive powers to declare emergencies should not be used to circumvent the state

Constitution, checks and balances, the separation of powers or, most importantly, the will of the people for extended periods of time.

The measure also proposes additional constitutional amendments:

- Prohibiting the denial or abridgement of equality of rights on the basis of race and ethnicity by adding it to the Declaration of Rights section of the Pennsylvania Constitution.
- Clarifying that a resolution terminating or extending a disaster emergency declaration need not be presented to the governor for signature.

With final approval by the House and Senate in the second consecutive legislative session, these constitutional amendment proposals will go before the voters in a referendum on the May 18 primary election ballot. Voters not affiliated with a political party will be eligible to vote on the referendum questions at the primary election as well.



Wendy Lichty performs a test for the Streamwatch program

## Streamwatchers Needed In Brodhead Watershed

By BWA

STROUDSBURG - Would you like to be a Streamwatcher? Brodhead Watershed Association will soon welcome new “water warriors” into its popular Streamwatch program.

A Streamwatch volunteer training session for Brodhead watershed residents will be held via Zoom at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2021. Individualized on-stream training will be provided by experienced volunteers following the virtual training.

For 30 years, BWA Streamwatch volunteers have been checking local streams on a monthly basis. Now, with more than 70 volunteers in seven sub-watershed regions of the Brodhead watershed, new volunteers are always welcome to join the efforts to ensure clean streams. This program is also a good refresher course for veteran Streamwatchers.

“Streamwatch volunteers are our eyes and ears in the watershed,” said BWA Executive Director Kelly Gallo. “The data they collect and the time they spend in and around the streams in our community is an invaluable resource to BWA, our watershed, and our community. These community scientists are trained to test chemical

parameters and to use their data to provide observations of stream health.”

Not sure where you live in the Brodhead watershed? Find out using the tool at [brodheadwatershed.org/explore-your-watershed/](http://brodheadwatershed.org/explore-your-watershed/).

To register, contact the BWA office at 570-839-1120, email [info@brodheadwatershed.org](mailto:info@brodheadwatershed.org) or see the event page at [brodheadwatershed.org/events/streamwatch-training-2-2-2/](http://brodheadwatershed.org/events/streamwatch-training-2-2-2/). Registrants will receive the Zoom information to join the March 27 webinar. Please register by March 25.

For mre about the Streamwatch program, see [brodheadwatershed.org/stream-watch/](http://brodheadwatershed.org/stream-watch/).

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